

Terrorists 'get political backing in return for Lebanese drug smuggling'

By **HIRSH GOODMAN**
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The terrorist organizations are actively involved in drug smuggling for senior Lebanese government officials including at least one cabinet minister, an American author said yesterday. In return, the terrorists receive money, and important political backing in both the Lebanese parliament and cabinet.

One of the major "users" of the terrorists in Lebanon is Minister of Public Works Sabri Hamadeh, according to the author, Ed Haymoff, who recently arrived from Lebanon, where he is researching the drug trade for a U.S. congressman. Haymoff is known for his excellent connections with the U.S. intelligence community.

Hamadeh is a former speaker of the Lebanese parliament and a former minister of the interior who has tremendous holdings in the Baalbeck area — a rich hachish and poppy-growing district. Hamadeh is known to support the terrorist cause, and reportedly actively using their services to get the drugs out of Lebanon to outside markets, including Egypt.

The terrorists have proved to be effective smugglers, according to Haymoff, because of their experience in gurrurning, and because of the contacts they have at official levels.

ORGANIZATION NEEDED
Drug producers need an organization, with means of transport and protection, to get their wares out of Lebanon and safely to destinations in the Arab world and Europe. The drugs being smuggled are primarily opium, morphine base and hachish.

The terrorists, it is thought, have managed to gain a foothold in the hostile Lebanese political arena through the drug trade. This may have prevented Beirut from taking a stronger stand against them. It is Haymoff's opinion that the money the terrorists are receiving for their work is of secondary importance. In the past year alone Libya has granted the movements over \$15m. in aid.

There have been reports in the past that the terrorists are involved in the drug trade, but this is the first time that their involvement has been linked to an exchange for political power.

'Earthquake destroyed 80% of city' 300,000 refugees flee ruins of Managua

MANAGUA (UPI). — Government officials said yesterday 300,000 inhabitants of Managua have fled their earthquake-shattered city, leaving behind the ruins of their homes and the bodies of many of their kinsmen.

An international rescue operation swung into action to aid persons still huddled in the wreckage of the city.

Gen. Anastasio Somoza, one-time president and still the major political force in the country, said 90 per cent of the city was destroyed by an earthquake which struck early on Saturday, but it still was impossible to say how many persons died.

"We have officially buried more than 800 persons," Somoza said on Sunday, "but we have no figures on the total number of dead."

LT.-Col. Jose Almagre, the commander of the army's corps of engineers, said as many as 12,000 may have died, with more than 20,000 injured and perhaps 200,000 homeless.

"This is a city that was," Almagre said, "but is no more."

Entire blocks lay in ruins, looking like the result of an air raid.

Civil defence official Rafael Martinez said he estimated that 6,000 persons died in one middle-class neighbourhood called El Calvario.

More earth tremors shook the city on Sunday night, causing some signs of panic among remaining inhabitants but no more damage.

There was little left for further earthquakes to damage.

So shattered was the city that Somoza ordered inhabitants to leave for their own safety. They did — in an exodus out of the city aboard cars, buses, carts, bicycles and even baby carriages.

Behind them, the refugees left scenes of desolation and destruction. Rubble lay 4.5 metres deep in some streets, wreckage smouldered most of Sunday and buildings ranging from the 18-storey Bank of America to the humblest shack, were collapsed or cracked by the earthquake.

Somoza imposed martial law and army troops took up positions throughout the city, but witnesses said they saw no signs of looting.

Somoza, who retains power as commander of the national guard, said there were tentative plans to dynamite some damaged buildings which might collapse and cause more deaths, but the idea was discarded because of the possibility of more survivors inside them.

Those citizens who stayed behind ignored the Christmas decorations and lights which hung from broken buildings, bent traffic signs. In Plaza de la Republica, the city's main square, Santa Claus and deer figures remained visible on buildings not burned in the wake of the earthquake.

Meanwhile emergency medical teams were leaving for Nicaragua from France, Germany, Britain, and the U.S.

Sadat sets political, military talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will start a series of top-level political and military meetings today.

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency said Sadat will also make "an important" statement to a special session of Parliament on Thursday.

Sadat is due to meet the National Security Council, which comprises the state's top political and military leaders, today. "Al-Gomhouriya" newspaper said yesterday that the Council was expected to make "important decisions," noting that today's meeting was summoned following "surveys of Egypt's military preparedness." Egyptian newspapers agreed that the meetings Sadat has summoned for this week are of "special significance."

Despite the Cairo press fanfare, the Egyptian President is unlikely to make any dramatic decisions, either in the domestic or external spheres. Sadat is believed to have called the meetings because 1972 is ending without any solution to the Middle East crisis in sight.

Sadat's current meetings follow the departure yesterday of the U.S. chief diplomat in Cairo, Joseph Greene, for Washington for consultations, amid reports of a renewed dialogue between Cairo and the State Department over an interim settlement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal.

Cairo's "Al-Ahram" newspaper emphasized that Mr. Greene was returning home for talks on Middle East developments with Secretary of State William Rogers. Prior to his departure, Mr. Greene conferred with a number of Egypt's top-ranking officials.

A recent report by western diplomatic circles stressed that Egypt is still considering an interim settlement, despite Cairo statements indicating the contrary. The reports said that Egyptian Premier Anwar Sadat asserted Cairo's continued dialogue with Washington over such a settlement in talks with Kuwaiti leaders whom Sadat visited recently.

Earth tremors strike Italy
ANCONA, Italy (AP). — Two earth tremors jolted parts of central Italy yesterday, inflicting neither damage nor casualties.

One had its epicentre near the Adriatic town, struck hundreds of earthquakes so far this year. The stronger one hit the Perugia area.

'Bloodiest Christmas truce' U.S. EXTENDS ITS BOMBING HALT

SAIGON (AP). — The U.S. yesterday extended the bombing halt throughout North Vietnam beyond 24 hours, while President Nixon reportedly seeks to resume the dedecked secret peace talks with Hanoi.

U.S. sources, confirming the extension, said they did not know how long it would last, and cautioned that the bombing could be resumed at any hour. But just after midnight yesterday, Saigon time, they said no orders had been issued for air attacks against the North.

"The bombing halt has gone more than 24 hours now" said one senior U.S. official. "Right at the moment there's nothing going on. There is nothing moving. There is no indication when it will start again."

The bombing halt apparently is being extended hour by hour while Nixon seeks to obtain a response from Hanoi, the sources said.

"I would think our government would try to play this as long as it can" one said. "I would think they are telling the North Vietnamese we'll knock this off if they will sit down."

The U.S. Command refused comment maintaining its silence on the bombing halt.

The Saigon Command reported, meanwhile that South Vietnamese forces resumed combat operations at dusk yesterday following the end of the 24-hour cease-fire proclaimed by the government.

U.S. military sources confirmed that targets hit by U.S. bombers in the raids beginning last Monday included Radio Hanoi, Gia Lam airport which serves Hanoi, and nearby railway yards.

The South Vietnamese Command reported 60 violations during the government truce period which began and ended five hours later than the North Vietnamese truce.

The command said 115 persons were killed or wounded. It was the bloodiest Christmas truce in the history of the far-east Asian war, military officials said.

Communist casualties during the same period were listed as 60 killed.

A U.S. air force B52 electronic intelligence jet bomber plane crashed on Saturday near Hanoi, an American spokesman said yesterday. The three-man crew was killed.

Meanwhile, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said yesterday the Soviet Union expected the U.S. to immediately halt bombing of North Vietnam and sign a cease-fire accord, the news agency said.

The agency said Kosygin made the statement during a meeting at the Kremlin with Hanoi's Ambassador to Moscow, Vo Thuc Dong.

London holds plane traveller carrying arms
LONDON (Reuters). — A man was detained on his arrival at London's Heathrow Airport yesterday on a flight from Lebanon after his suitcase was found to contain explosives and an automatic weapon.

Police refused to identify the man, who was taken in for questioning. He was expected to be held at the police station until today.

Airport sources said the only flight into London airport yesterday passing through Beirut was a BOAC plane from Bombay.

The man was believed to have been en route to Norway when detained at Heathrow.

A BOAC spokesman said he had no knowledge of the incident.



North Vietnamese militiamen march U.S. Air Force Sergeant Louis Edward Leblanc through a town northwest of Hanoi, according to the caption of this radiophoto broadcast by the official Hanoi news agency, VNA. It said Leblanc, a B-52 crewman, was captured on Friday by militiamen. (AP radiophoto)

Loss of B-52s in Vietnam not due to Sam improvements

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The high losses the American air force has suffered in Vietnam over the past week were caused by extremely heavy Sam-2 bombardments and do not indicate revolutionary improvements in the Sam-2 missile itself, a senior military expert said yesterday.

Missile defences around Hanoi are thought to be among the heaviest in the world, and the North Vietnamese are believed to have fired an unprecedented number of missiles at the B-52s downed, he said. The losses should not cause concern to Israel.

Whereas the B-52 could handle several missiles at once in the past, the density of the current attacks over Hanoi proved too much for the planes' defences, it is thought.

The Sam-2, which was developed by the Soviets specifically for high flying aircraft such as the B-52 and the U-2 spy plane, has been improved periodically over the years. But no recent developments have been reported, and it would be premature to speculate that the recent losses in Vietnam indicated improvements in the system, it was explained.

The expert noted that in order to complete a bombing run the eight-engined B-52 locked onto a pre-dictated course, and during this period the huge, relatively slow-moving plane is highly vulnerable. As opposed to a supersonic fighter which can rely on both electronic defences and evasive action, the B-52 is limited to sending out "tail" in an attempt to lure the heat-seeking missile off its tail. When a large number of missiles are fired, apparently, one of the high-explosive bombs is bound to hit the target.

Israel has no plane in service comparable to the B-52. Egypt, especially after the Soviet ouster does not possess the same virtually unlimited number of Sam-2 missiles. Thus the threat to Israel is thought to be minimal. The expert noted that the planes most active in the attacks on Hanoi have been F4U's and Skyhawks, both planes in Israeli service, and both of which have suffered few losses in Vietnam.

Extra budget totals IL1,430m.

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday presented a IL1,430m. supplementary budget in the Knesset for the first reading.

He said the current 1972/73 Budget included IL850m. of subsidies, and that the question of subsidy policy would have to be reviewed when the 1973/74 State Budget was tabled at the beginning of next month.

"Can we really insist on the Israeli economy from price rises abroad?" he asked. "Does it make economic sense, or constitute social justice, to give cheaply-priced commodities to rich and poor alike?"

The Arabs in the occupied areas are consuming proportionally a larger quantity of staple foods such as flour, oil and sugar, than Israelis, Mr. Sapir said. The increase in the subsidy on them in the 1972/73 Budget means an increase for the residents of the areas too. He estimated the sum at IL70m.

The IL1,430m. supplementary budget increases the overall 1972/73 State Budget to IL7,815m. It will cover higher wages, more expensive local and imported products, higher subsidies on staples and public transport, higher interest charges, and extra housing, he said.

Mr. Sapir said forecasts for immigration were encouraging. In the past year, the number of immigrants who depended entirely on State housing had increased, and it would probably increase still further next year. The number of immigrants from affluent countries who took out a State mortgage, but bought their apartments on the private market, had fallen steeply, the Minister said.

The supplementary budget included IL100m. for immigrant housing which would provide 5,000 more units, and also enable the purchase of mobile homes for immigrants currently staying at absorption centres.

The tempo of telephone installations would increase, thanks to another IL70m. to the Communications Ministry. In industry, more approved enterprises would get grants from the extra IL38m. budgeted, Mr. Sapir said. Another IL60m. would be given to higher education.

Mr. Sapir said gloomily that expenditures which would cause universal regret were IL50m. to cover Yera's losses, and a further sum to cover insurance for investments lost in Uganda, "where political developments astounded not only Israel, but other states as well."

Two anti-inflationary steps which would cost money were premature redemption of dollar debts (12 months in advance) and purchase of imported commodities in cash instead of credit. Both these steps would involve withdrawing pounds from circulation to convert into dollars, Mr. Sapir said.

Mr. Sapir made special mention of the U.S.-Israel research fund decided on three months ago. The U.S. half of the fund, IL195m., came from Israel's early repayment of farm surplus debts (which were due to be repaid between the years 1988-2001). The Treasury would put up another IL126m.

This fund was only in its initial phase, Mr. Sapir believed. It was attracting great interest, as part of the U.S. administration, as well as other large research funds in the world. Israel would meet any increase in the fund pound for pound, he promised.

Turning to the revenue side of the supplementary budget, Mr. Sapir said that more money was coming in from taxes, though most of the budget would be covered by domestic loans and bond issues. New taxes would not be imposed, he said, and a maximum of IL325m. of advances from the Bank of Israel would be drawn for the entire year.

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, who spoke later, said some of the subsidies given now could easily be altered to direct grants for the needy. However, public transport should continue to be subsidized, since the needy made most use of it. And private cars should be discouraged anyway, he said.

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Tahal offers to replan Managua water system

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tahal, the water planning company, has offered to help the Nicaraguan government to replan the water system in the earthquake-ravaged capital of Managua. Tahal's director-general, Aharon Weiner, said yesterday.

Tahal is at present planning two large irrigation projects in Nicaragua. One is on the Pacific coast, the other on the Atlantic coast, both to cost about \$550,000. Four of the eight Tahal workers who were in the capital at the time of the earthquake were evacuated to Honduras.

Tahal has had some experience in replanning wrecked water systems: they planned the rehabilitation of the water and irrigation systems in the Kazwin area in Iran when it was stricken by an earthquake several years ago.

Truman worse

ANNAS CITY, Missouri (UPI). — Former President Harry S. Truman's health steadily deteriorated yesterday and doctors said "death could occur within hours." His 87-year-old wife, Bess, was at his bedside.

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Avocados hardest hit Cold kills \$1.5m. worth of crops for export

By **YITZHAK OKED**
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The cold wave has caused some \$1.5m. worth of damage to agriculture scheduled for export, and a further IL3-4m. of fruit and vegetables for the home market, Ministry of Agriculture officials estimated last night.

Most hard-hit were avocados, where damage is thought to be about \$1m. and bananas, with damage estimated at \$200,000. About 30 per cent of the total pepper and marrow crops for export were destroyed and some 20 per cent of the tomatoes and bananas.

However, temperatures rose 5 or 6 degrees Centigrade last night in some parts of the country including Haifa and Lod, and the weatherman said last night the rise is due to an easterly wind which is pushing the cold air out of the area. If the wind continued, he said, the cold wave could break.

A Vegetable Marketing Board official told The Post that no one yet knows the exact damage to agriculture caused by the cold. As the cold wave is not yet over, the farmers have not called in the assessors of Israel's Insurance Fund against Natural Risks to assess the damage. (All the vegetable and fruit growers are insured against frost damage.) According to the agreement between the farmers and the insurers, the farmers have up to 72 hours after the end of the frost to call in an assessor.

Vegetable Marketing Board officials do not believe that the present cold wave will affect the local vegetable market for the next two weeks to a month. (There

might even be a slight increase in the market of vegetables that will ripen prematurely because of the frost.) The Marketing Board official said that there will be no scarcity of potatoes.

The Ministry of Agriculture's frost warning service has been very busy during the cold spell, giving farmers information on the estimated lowest ground temperatures, and advice on how to deal with the cold.

Libyan haj stamps stress Jerusalem's 'Arab character'

TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Libya has issued stamps "confirming the Arab character of Jerusalem," the official Libyan news agency said here yesterday.

It said the stamps bore the images of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem.

The stamps will be in circulation early next month as part of Islamic pilgrimage (haj) celebrations.

12 DEAD IN CARIBBEAN PLANE CRASH
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI). — A twin-engine plane chartered by Air France crashed Sunday night off the Caribbean island of St. Maarten, the U.S. Coast Guard said yesterday. All 12 persons aboard were presumed dead.

The Coast Guard said the search was continuing but hopes were slight that anyone lived through the crash.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair and dry.
Weather synopsis: A ridge of high pressure from Turkey to the Mediterranean is causing a lull of dry air.

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Jerusalem	23	1-12	3-16
Golan	24	1-6	5-17
Nahariya	19	3-16	7-14
Safed	23	0-6	5-17
Haifa	23	3-16	7-14
Tiberias	23	3-16	5-17
Nazareth	23	3-16	7-14
Afula	23	3-16	5-17
Shomron	16	3-9	5-10
Tel Aviv	18	5-15	7-18
Lod	18	3-15	5-17
Jericho	13	3-15	4-15
Gaza	32	4-15	6-17
Beerstheba	32	4-15	6-17
Eilat	23	8-19	10-20
Tiran	27	11-18	12-18

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar on Sunday received Dr. Israel Goldstein.

The Premier of New Brunswick, Canada, Mr. Richard Hatfield, here under the auspices of State of Israel Bonds, yesterday called on Mr. David Ben-Gurion at his home in Sde Boker.

The Philippine Embassy has donated \$15,000 to the Jewish National Fund towards a forest in honour of Dr. Jozef P. Rizal, a Philippine poet and patriot. The project was initiated by the Israeli-Philippine Friendship League.

F.A. Lewinson, Editor of the economic monthly "Israel's Aussehen", managing director of "The Israel Export and Trade Journal", and representative of the Hanover Fair in Israel, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, First Class, by the President of the German Federal Republic, for promoting Israel-German trade relations.

At the 17th annual conference of Madkan, the real estate agents association, held this week in Jerusalem, Mr. Baruch Kainer was re-elected National Chairman. The new board consists of Messrs. W. Scheitler (hon. pres.), A. Akhalout (hon. treas.), T. Bler, W. Lovat, Jerusalem; S. Ehringer, I. Deutsch, M. Horowitz, S. Rosenberg, H. Richman, Haifa; S. I. Baum, D. Blumberg, A. Berger, J. Berger, D. Vidor, E. Levy, Tel Aviv; J. Gershman, Z. Hitzman, Ramat Gan; J. Ben-Yehuda, Ashdod.

Prof. Menachem Elon will lecture (in Hebrew) on "Development and Creation in Jewish Law in the Post-Talmudic Period," today, Tuesday, December 26, 1972, at 6.15 p.m., at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Jabotinsky, Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem.

Col. James Irwin, the Apollo-15 astronaut, will give a lecture, with slides, on his expedition to the moon, at a meeting of local Rotary clubs this evening at the new Pan American Hotel in Bat Yam.

The David Yellin Prize for education and Israel studies will be awarded to Dr. Menachem Harel, for his books "This Is Jerusalem" and "Travels in the Desert of Judah and the Dead Sea Area," this evening at 8 p.m. in the Jerusalem City Hall.

Prof. R. Mason, of the School of Molecular Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, U.K., will lecture on "Structure and Function of Non-Heme Iron Proteins" tomorrow, at 12 noon, in Lecture Hall Gmel, Hebrew University's School of Pharmacy, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
A memorial service on the Shoshim will be held for Dr. Rafael Edelman tomorrow, December 27, 1972. We'll gather at 11 a.m. at the entrance to Har Hameuchot, Jerusalem.

A memorial service for the late Josef Heftman will be held on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery, Tel Aviv.

A memorial service will be held at the Holon Cemetery on the fifth anniversary of the death of the late Yitzhak Rimon at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

ARRIVALS
Minister of Communications and Transport, Mr. Shimon Peres, from a speaking tour of the U.S. on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal (by El Al).
Pop singer Satchel Ford for six public appearances (by El Al).

DEPARTURES
Dr. Anatol Axel, head of the orthopaedic department of Assaf Harofeh Hospital, for Kappur, India, to lecture at a congress of the Indian Association for Surgery and Orthopaedics.

A STREET behind Beit Tzavon in the old commercial centre of Jerusalem was yesterday named after the late Alad Dvor, who served as deputy mayor from 1965-68.

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THE FAMILY



Friests file out of St. Catherine's Basilica in Bethlehem about one a.m. yesterday, after the Pontifical High Mass. The procession wound its way down to the Grotto of the Nativity. (Bar-Tal)

Quietest, coldest Christmas in years

JERUSALEM — Church bells resounded throughout the frost-covered hills of this ancient town yesterday morning, calling worshippers to the concluding services of the quietest Christmas in over 10 years.

But shortly after the 90-minute mid-morning Pontifical High Mass at St. Catherine's Church, inside the Basilica of the Nativity, it was business as usual in Bethlehem. Workmen started clearing away paper streamers and broken wine bottles, left behind on Christmas Eve by the thousands of pilgrims and tourists who crowded into the centre of town. Market Square reverted to its usual function — a parking lot. City Hall has vowed it will turn it into a grand plaza before too many more Christmases.

The town reopened to traffic yesterday morning (during the preceding 24 hours entry was permitted only to pilgrims and to local Christians bearing special passes). Security check-posts were removed from the outskirts of Bethlehem and soldiers were withdrawn from the central squares, leaving behind just a few green-bereted border policemen to safeguard security after the quietest of the six Christmases yet celebrated under Israeli rule.

Bethlehem will again be celebrat-

Immigrants to settle at new Rafah centre

JERUSALEM Post Staff — New immigrants will be among the 350 families to settle at the planned Rafah regional centre, Jewish Agency settlement director Yehiel Admoni said last night in an interview over Israel Radio.

He said the immigrants had asked to settle at this centre, whose establishment was approved by the Cabinet on Sunday. Packing and freezing plans for produce will be built there to serve existing and future Jewish settlements in the area.

Also expected to live in the centre are families of army men serving nearby. Asked whether the settlement had anything to do with Mr. Dayan's proposed city of Yamit in the Rafah area, Mr. Admoni answered, "absolutely not. As you know, there's been no decision on Yamit, and the regional centre we've planned is not on the scale of a city."

As to the Beduin in the area, Mr. Admoni said that early planning for the new centre had not dealt with them. But he added that he thought the Beduin would be able to utilize the centre's services as they come into being.

Meanwhile the New Communist Knesset faction yesterday requested an urgent debate on the refugee rehousing project now underway at Rafah, on the grounds that "great suffering has been caused thousands of Palestine Arab families" through the moves.

The project aims at rehousing about half the Rafah camps 7,500 families elsewhere in the Gaza Strip.

THE FLATTERS pop group, scheduled to make a month-long tour of Israel, moved up their arrival date and landed at Lod Airport yesterday in order to celebrate Christmas in the Holy Land. Their last personal appearance tour of Israel was ten years ago.

Army rejects WILSON: half of delinquents drafted

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MIGDAL HA'EMEK — Of the 150 juvenile delinquents who were released from prison to join the army in the past 18 months, about half have adjusted well. But the other half didn't make it in the army, and some are known to have returned to crime, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said yesterday.

Speaking to an audience of students here, the Minister noted that some 10,000 juveniles are arrested every year for various offences — but only about 250 of them are sentenced to prison terms. On the arrest of the spy ring suspects, Mr. Hillel said Israel is a democracy which assures its citizens freedom of speech and assembly. Police cannot make arrests every time a couple of students sit down to talk. But the fact that the ring was cracked before it could cause any damage — yet without infringing on anyone's civil rights — was a credit to Israel's democracy as well as to her security services, he said.

Mr. Hillel was the guest of this development town yesterday. He visited industrial plants and cultural institutions before meeting the students to answer their questions.

By ASHER WALLFISH and ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporters
British Labour leader Harold Wilson praised Israeli advances in social democracy yesterday and said he was sure the entire world would one day be aware of Israel's pioneering in the shaping of a nation.

Addressing a luncheon in his honour given by Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Jerusalem, the Leader of the Opposition in Westminster said he had been deeply moved by an inter-faith celebration in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Giles Wilson, who came to lunch from the kibbutz where he is staying as a volunteer, got a warm compliment from his father — that his Hebrew was already good enough to stand up in a press interview in the elder Wilson's presence.

The British Ambassador, W. Bernard Ledwidge, was present, as were Commerce Minister Hadm Bar-Lev and the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Shimon Agranat.

From dinner Mr. Wilson went on to the Knesset, where he spent some 90 minutes with the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mr. Haim Zedek, and a group of Committee members.

Mr. Wilson said the British Labour Party favoured a firm stand

on the part of the British Government to eradicate Arab terrorism. The Palestine Liberation Organisation should not be allowed to open a bureau in London, he said. The Labour leader also said he objected to British arms sales to Egypt.

MEETS SOVIET OLIM
The Labour leader found time yesterday to visit Russian immigrants at the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre outside Jerusalem. He was accompanied by Jewish Agency chairman Arye Pincus and the head of the Agency Immigration Department, Mr. Uzi Narkiss.

Mr. Wilson impressed the Russian immigrants with his knowledge of their problems and with his interest. (Only 15 immigrants were present, but some had come especially from Haifa or Beerstheba to ask Mr. Wilson to use his influence on behalf of relatives still in Russia.)

Speaking through an interpreter, Mrs. Ruth Alexandrovich Averbuch, who was holding her baby son, thanked Mr. Wilson for his efforts on her behalf during his visit in Moscow in May 1971. At the time Mrs. Averbuch was still serving a one-year sentence for "anti-Soviet activity." She arrived in Israel after her release, in October 1971.

Mrs. Ella Kukul, who came to Israel a year ago and now works as a chemist in Beerstheba, told Mr. Wilson that she had not heard from her husband in eight months. She said her husband, a construction engineer, had been arrested 10 days after the family applied for an exit permit.

Mr. Wilson asked that the details of this and other cases be forwarded to him in writing. He said he was willing to help — but "with a minimum of publicity, although many people know that I have helped Jews."

Mistaken identity

LOD AIRPORT — Anglo-American businessman Edward J. Marcus, barred from entering the country 18 months ago for alleged Mafia connections, arrived here Sunday evening for a two-week visit with Interior Ministry permission.

Mr. Marcus had originally been barred on suspicion he was to meet here with Meyer Lansky, then still in Israel. The U.S.-based businessman, who was accompanied yesterday by his Israel-born wife Yaela, was at pains to deny any connection either with Lansky or the Mafia, and said he had been confused with another man.

When Mr. Marcus last arrived on June 5, 1971, he was kept in the Lod terminal building, questioned all night by police, and sent back to London the next day. A statement put out then said there was suspicion he had come to participate in a Mafia summit with Lansky and Joe Stalder.

Marcus, who said yesterday he had visited Israel often between 1963 and 1970 without any difficulty, had contacted attorney Zvi Lidzsky to fight the Interior Minister's action barring him entry. At one point he applied to the High Court for an order nisi, but, as he explained yesterday, later withdrew the application to wait quietly and see how matters would develop.

Marcus, a tall, fortyish man with piercing blue eyes, showed his British passport yesterday as he went through customs with his wife, whom he met in Germany, and his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter. He was met by Mr. Lidzsky, who showed him a letter from Interior Ministry Assistant Director-General Yehudit Huebner authorizing him to visit Israel provided he informs the Ministry ahead of time.

When the policeman who handled the formalities reminded him that the entry permit was for only two weeks, he said, "That's all we asked for." (Tina)

Techion students end strike
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HALFA — Techion first- and second-year students returned to their studies yesterday, ending a three-day protest strike demanding changes in their credits study system. Their threat to start a general strike tomorrow, unless their problems are settled, still stands, but by last night there was hope that the talks started with the management would avert the strike.

The management had refused to talk while the strike lasted.

Sentence of 'disturbed' girl upped to 15 months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 29-year-old woman who cashed forged travellers' cheques (on the basis of forged passports) to feed expensive habits — including drugs — was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment yesterday by the High Court of Appeals in Jerusalem. The court was acting on an appeal by the State that the three-month sentence given the girl in a lower court did not sum the crime.

The woman, Michaela Savin of Herzliya, will probably spend no more than six months in jail, however. She has already spent four months in custody (including two in a closed institution for mental patients) and is expected to get five off for good behavior.

Her lawyer, Mr. Eilahu Kedat of Tel Aviv, told The Post last night that his client was badly disturbed and needed more help than she could get from the mental hospital where she was sent to help her get over her drug habit. (She used to take hashish, LSD, opium, barbiturates,

it was learned, and she had two previous drug convictions.)

But the lawyer agreed that the courts had been more than fair with Miss Savin — especially since she repeated the forgery and fraud offence while she was on probation and just a few days before her appeal came up.

He said the forged passports and travellers' cheques she passed were provided by a "gang of crooks" she fell in with during a period of "mental deterioration." But she spent at least part of the proceeds — estimated at thousands of pounds — on shopping sprees and hotel "vacations."

The bench took into account Miss Savin's "unfortunate personal circumstances" — which the lawyer said included the paralysis of her lawyer-father through an accident 11 years ago — but agreed with the prosecution that a stiffer penalty was called for.

Radio authority rejects inserts on road safety

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposal to oblige Israel Radio to broadcast programmes on traffic safety prepared by the Ministry of Transport was attacked at a meeting of the Broadcasting Authority plenum yesterday. (The proposal is now before the Knesset Economic Committee.)

Criticism was heard at the meeting of the erroneous "warning" to Jordan broadcast over Israel Radio two weeks ago. Several members said the incident should never have been permitted to occur.

In a resolution adopted unanimously, the plenum said a bill forcing the Authority to broadcast a programme prepared by others would set an "unwelcome precedent." The plenum noted that the Authority itself devotes considerable air time to the subject of road safety.

Criticism was also raised over the fact that the U.S. astronauts' landing on the moon was not broadcast live over Israel TV — as it was in Jordan. In reply, chairman Walter Eytan noted that a 10-minute extract would have cost more than \$140,000.

Alignment gains in Jerusalem poll

The Alignment took 70 per cent of the votes in the Jerusalem municipal workers union in last week's poll. This represents a seven per cent rise over the last poll in 1970. Final figures from the Labour Party head offices reported an 80 per cent turnout of the 3,900 eligible voters. Participation was more than 90 per cent among Arab voters.

The religious bloc got 19 per cent — a drop of one per cent — and Gahal lost four per cent, to 11 per cent of the total.

Air Force finds lost trawler

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Air Force planes yesterday located an Israeli fishing vessel which had been adrift since Saturday. The three-man crew were reported to be in excellent health, the Army spokesman announced.

Police were informed by the owner of the vessel yesterday that it had left Haifa on Saturday for Ashdod and had not arrived. The ship was due in Ashdod early Sunday.

The police called in the air force and navy. Late yesterday afternoon the ship was sighted 16 miles off shore with its engines out of order. A naval craft which arrived at the scene managed to repair them and the fishing vessel reached Ashdod on its own steam towards evening.

How the ship vanished without trace for nearly 48 hours is being investigated. All vessels usually carry emergency flares.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH

BEERSHEVA — A baby boy died and his four-year-old brother was burned in a fire in an apartment here yesterday afternoon.

The children, six-month-old Eyal Tamarin and his brother Guy, were alone in their room on Rambam Street at 3.15 p.m. when flames from a kerosene heater set the baby's bedclothes alight. The boys' mother, Mrs. Zva Tamarin, ran into the room, but Eyal was already asphyxiated. The other boy was reported out of danger last night. The father is an army officer serving in the Beerstheba area.

Child killed by tractor

ROSE HA'AYIN — A two-year-old boy, Ayan Tassa, was run over and killed by a tractor here yesterday evening. No further details were available last night. The police are investigating. (Tina)

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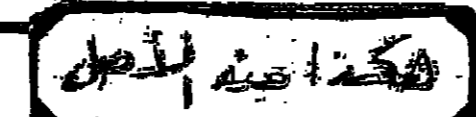
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ENGINEERS COULD UPSET ENTIRE WAGE STRUCTURE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The engineers' demand for a wage scale, if accepted, is likely to blow up the existing wage structure...

Turning to Professor Ephraim Kleinman (who has criticized capital imports), Mr. Sapir was unequivocal: "I take full responsibility for declaring that none of the dollar inflow into Israel during the last two years has been speculative funds..."

down how much the wage increase will be. It should be confined to dealing with the wider problems affecting income, such as taxes, prices, profits, social security, and particular subjects like the minimum wage, or methods of incentive pay.

Mr. Yacov Nizan, the Civil Service Commissioner, urged an end to retroactive wage agreements. "They should apply from the time that they are signed and not before," he said...

Mr. Shmuel Zhitelny, of the Histadrut, suggested a three-level system of collective bargaining. The Histadrut should no longer lay down how much the wage increase will be...

Several speakers discussed the employment of Beit Shemesh Engines workers on a wildcat strike yesterday morning, after negotiations on their new labour contract broke up earlier in the day.

Immigrants go on strike to live somewhere else

LOD AIRPORT. — Several dozen new immigrants were "striking" yesterday to back up a demand for housing in places where none is available.

Wildcat strike at Beit Shemesh engine plant

BEIT SHEMESH. — More than 400 employees of Beit Shemesh Engines walked out on a wildcat strike yesterday morning, after negotiations on their new labour contract broke up earlier in the day.

'Nazi' epithet earns youth 4 months jail

A Jerusalem yeshiva student who yelled "Nazis get out!" at policemen during a demonstration was sent to jail for four months by an angry judge in Jerusalem Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The youth, Moshe Deutsch, 23, was on trial with a building worker and four other yeshiva students arrested three months ago during a rowdy Mea Shearim protest against the imprisonment of the yeshiva students who firebombed Tel Aviv's Eros sex shop...

In court yesterday Judge Shaigi, his voice choked with anger, declared: "I cannot understand how this villain (Deutsch) found the gall to use such language at an Israeli policeman. He says that the study of Torah is his sole occupation. He is one of whom it can be said that his mouth is full of the praise of the Lord and the vermin of hatred crawl in his heart."

Ma'abara-dwellers strike Head of slum-clearance company dismissed

HAIFA. — Some 50 couples left their children at home in the Kiryat Haim ma'abara yesterday morning to demonstrate outside City Hall against the alleged intention of the Shikmona slum clearance company to fire its manager, Mr. Zvi Belsar.

He warned that "we'll take more energetic action over this. We'll ask the Government to take a closer look at what's going on in City Hall."

Air Force takes over all air defence

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
The Air Force has taken over responsibility for all air defences, including anti-aircraft batteries hitherto a section of the artillery. This was revealed by O.C. Air Force Aluf Mordechai Hod at a meeting with military correspondents yesterday.

Since the Six Day War, at least 24 enemy planes — including two Mig-21 fighters — have been shot down by anti-aircraft fire, he said. Most of the planes were Sukhoi-7 fighter bombers and all but two of the aircraft were Egyptian.

The price of each Hawk missile, according to foreign publications, is around \$40,000, for example. Aluf Hod noted that only a small proportion of Air Force personnel were actually involved in fighting. "The bulk of the force," he said, "are there to make the few more efficient."

Large families seek big tax reductions

Israel's large families would get substantial income tax cuts, free schooling through university, and numerous other financial benefits — if a bill drafted by the organization that represents these families ever passed the Knesset. But so far it doesn't have a sponsor.

The Organization for the Rights of Large Families (in Hebrew "Families Blessed with Many Children") told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that it had drafted legislation under which large families would pay I.L.1,000 less income tax for every child from the fourth on.

Cabinet to name board of Sde Boker college

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Government has finally set up an association to run Mizrasha Sde Boker — the Sde Boker College. This is the translation into concrete terms of the Cabinet decision taken on the 85th birthday of David Ben-Gurion, who brought the college into being, to assume responsibility for the Mizrasha.

Israel's case convinces Danish F.M.

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen, who visited Israel last week, is convinced that Israel's Middle East position is defensible enough. Israel has no real option but to hold onto the gains of the 1967 war until peace negotiations begin.

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JERUSALEM, NORTH HARDEST HIT Egg shortage at least until January 10

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The present egg shortage will continue until about January 10, when supplies are expected to catch up with demand. But if nothing is done to size egg marketing, the shortage will continue in Jerusalem and towns in the north.

'INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY' celebrated in Kupat Holim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim celebrated 'International Nurses Day' yesterday. Dr. Michael Resh, of Tel Aviv University, lectured on the role computers would play in the medical profession.

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Labour opposes joining Givatayim and Ramat Gan

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
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Meir's Paris visit embarrasses French gov't before election

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Mrs. Golda Meir's decision to attend the Socialist International meeting in Paris next month is causing serious embarrassment to the French government a few weeks before the general election on March 4.

Even before the Israeli Premier's plans were made public, President Pompidou was apprehensive about the behaviour of France's Jewish voters who, although they represent only one per cent of the electorate,

could play an important role in a closely fought contest.

Mrs. Meir's presence in Paris is certain to turn the government's pro-Arab Middle East policy into a key issue at the very moment when the election campaign will be getting under way.

Pompidou and his campaign organizers can expect new Gaullist recruits to the small group of Jewish M.P.s led by Gerard Marcus and Jacques Dauer, who have never ceased criticizing the government's handling of the Middle East situation.

The government is also worried about the security aspects of Mrs. Meir's visit. Huge forces of police will have to be mobilized to guard her.

The Palestinian organizations claim that they have never carried out any terrorism on French soil. But a number of letter bombs have been mailed to the Israeli embassy here. A few weeks ago Arab gunmen assassinated Khoder Kannou, a Syrian agent who was suspected of working for the Israeli secret service, at his Paris flat. So there can be no guarantee that Mrs. Meir will not be the target of Arab terrorists during her stay in France.

French officials refused to comment on Mrs. Meir's visit, but well-informed circles said she had been told that neither she nor any other foreign leader would be received by Pompidou, Premier Pierre Messmer or government ministers during the Socialist International.

West Germany's Socialist Chancellor Willy Brandt is unlikely to come to Paris for the conference, which will be held on January 12 and 14. Brandt is due here a week later to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Franco-German friendship treaty.

Other V.I.P.s invited to attend include Austrian Premier Bruno Kreisky, Sweden's Prime Minister Olav Palme, Danish Premier Jorgensen and former British Premier Harold Wilson (now visiting Israel).

French Socialist first secretary Francois Mitterrand is delighted with the decision of Mrs. Meir. The presence of a galaxy of foreign Socialist leaders will be a big electoral boost to the left-wing opposition in France.



King Hussein of Jordan drives the royal car with his new wife, Queen Abla al-Hussein, next to him, after the wedding ceremony in Amman on Sunday. The bride celebrated her 24th birthday yesterday. Reports from Amman said Hussein's ex-wife, Princess Muna (née Tony Gardner), had decided to stay in Amman with her four children, and that the King had given her a palace on the outskirts of Amman. She will retain the title, "Her Royal Highness." (AP radiophoto)

Finland: From passive to active neutrality

By RICHARD C. LONGWORTH
TAMPERE, Finland (UPI). — A large sign advertising the Moskvich, a Russian car, stands above this Finnish city. But two other signs — for Ford and Volkswagen — are bigger.

In a way, these signs symbolize a subtle shift in Finland's changing attitude toward the West on one hand and its lurking ever-present neighbour, the Soviet Union, on the other. Often, Russia seems to get not-quite-equal time.

"Our relations with Russia are very complex," a Finnish journalist explained over a lunch of rolfed steak and vodka in the restaurant atop Tampere's 188-metre observation tower. "There never has been hate. And now there's not really fear. More of a concern, maybe — but I sleep quiet at night."

"We know there will be no invasion."

This confidence has led Finland to abandon its "passive neutrality" — often called "the policy of invisibility" — in favour of "active neutrality." Mostly, this means it has gone into the East-West bridge-building business in a big way, as the first host for the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) and now the site of the exploratory talks on a European Security Conference.

Finland was once part of Russia, has fought two wars with the Russians and even ended up on the German side in World War Two because of its opposition to the Soviet Union. This sort of history leaves visible marks.

Tampere, for instance, has a Russian Orthodox church with seven onion domes and many long wooden buildings in the Russian dacha style, complete with the tiny Russian /ortochka windows that let in air

Amin's car said ambushed

By DAVID MARTIN
DAR-ES-SALAAM (Otas). — AN attempt was made 12 days ago to assassinate Uganda's President, General Idi Amin, according to diplomatic and other reports filtering out of Kampala.

These usually well-informed sources say the attempted assassination occurred on Thursday, December 14, when General Amin's car was returning from Mutukula in the Tanzanian border area, where he had gone to watch a military exercise by ground troops and the Air Force.

One or more marksmen thought to have been using automatic weapons, are said to have ambushed the car, but apparently the Ugandan leader was no longer in it. Reports say that the driver was

killed and so was a passenger in Army uniform. It is understood he was an NCO, possibly a corporal.

Highly placed Ugandan sources have confirmed the story, but no official announcement has been made in Kampala.

General Amin's habit of changing cars while he is travelling around the country is well known and the suggestion is that the marksmen, seeing a man in uniform in the car, opened fire erroneously assuming it was the Ugandan President.

The likelihood of an attempt to assassinate the General in South-West Uganda must be rated high. Some of the people who took part in the September invasion attempt to overthrow General Amin are still believed to be in the area.

Eban expects official invitation to France

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban is likely to pay an official visit to France during the first half of next year. An invitation from the French Government is known to be in the pipeline, and when it comes through the Foreign Minister is expected to accept.

At the present time, the proposal stands in marked contrast to official irritation at Mrs. Meir's decision to attend the Socialist International in Paris next month.

Mr. Eban's visit — probably soon after the French elections in March — will be his first since autumn 1968, when he called on the then-Foreign Minister Michael Debre on his way to the U.N. in New York. Since then, the cool relations between Paris and Jerusalem have precluded any official visits by ministers.

Mr. Eban himself has gone out of his way to avoid being in France — even in transit — when alternative air routes were available. He did not want to force the Quai d'Orsay to go through the official welcoming procedures which protocol lays down for visiting ministers, feeling that the welcome would perhaps not be sincere.

His forthcoming visit is bound to be interpreted as the beginning of a thaw in relations between the two states. There were first hints of such a thaw last week when the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem said that the French Ambassador had sought to impress upon Mr. Eban,

the "positive aspects" of French policy towards Israel.

The Ambassador himself said later that he had indeed stressed the positive features — but he had been stressing them since he took up his post here two years ago.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to comment on reports of the invitation to Mr. Eban, but reliable sources refused to deny them — noting that they had first been aired by the Paris weekly "Le Canard Enchaîné." These sources said that discussions on the proposed visit were proceeding in Paris and that no date had yet been set or details arranged.

(In Paris, Reuter reports that the French Foreign Ministry declined comment on the reports.)

U.S. search for Liberian freighter

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP). — The U.S. Coast Guard mounted a mid-Pacific search yesterday for a Liberian freighter with a Korean crew, that radioed it was sinking in heavy seas.

A spokesman said a sister ship of the vessel had arrived on the scene, west of Portland, Oregon, but found no trace of the vessel.

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MAO, STILL FIT AND ALERT, TURNS 79 TODAY

By JOHN RODERICK
TOKYO (AP). — Today the world's oldest, most famous and most enigmatic revolutionary, China's Mao Tse-tung, turns 79.

A touch of rheumatism has weakened his legs and he no longer can eat the peppery dishes of his native Hunan Province. But after the rigour of 51 years of revolution, and his own style of peace, he is, by all accounts, in remarkably good shape both physically and mentally.

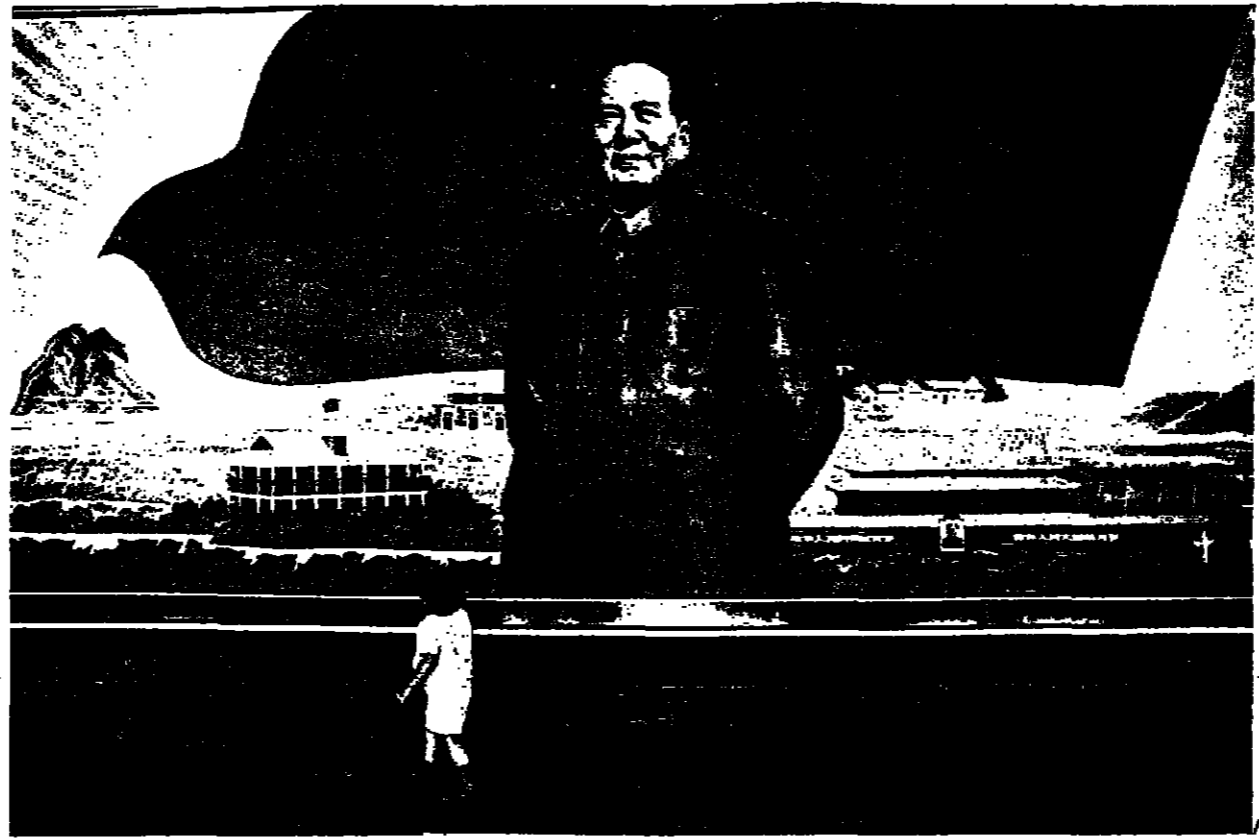
When he dies, as one day he must, it may be something of an anticlimax. Since the 1920s hardly a year has passed without an imminent report of his death or imminent demise.

Chairman of the world's biggest Communist Party, with a membership of about 20 million, he is, at least on paper, the most powerful man in a nation of 720 million people. During the great proletarian Cultural Revolution of 1966-69, which he instigated to cleanse the nation of its wayward tendencies toward bourgeois democracy and capitalism — he was something of a proletarian demi-god.

The Little Red Book of his quotations was in everyone's hands. Heroic-sized paintings, statues and photographs beamed down from a million vantage points. He was described fulsomely as great, glorious and infallible. But the days of such ostentatious display are passing, reportedly at Mao's own insistence.

On his second visit to China in September, the writer found fewer evidences of Mao glorification than he had in the spring of 1971.

New signs of the changing times appear on 1973 calendars and seasonal greeting cards reaching Tokyo from the mainland. Buildings, landscapes, factory complexes, and seascapes are the themes — few if any feature the once obligatory paintings of the cherubic-faced leader or his



A little boy walks in the shadow of a demi-god: despite the steady decline of the personality cult in China, huge posters such as this — showing Chairman Mao below an immense Red Flag — still abound. This one stands in Peking. (Sven Simon, Camera Press)

He has seen China for what it is — a nation still overwhelmingly agricultural in which the peasant, and not the worker, plays the key role. In this he differed with the classical thesis of Marxism proclaimed by Moscow. This difference, combined with disillusionment following disastrous policy mistakes on the Chinese Revolution by the Mao-dominated Politburo in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, brought about a cleavage between Mao and the Russians and their Chinese disciples. It was Mao who encouraged the break as he conducted one purge after the other to separate the Chinese sheep from the Soviet goats.

These years of peacetime brainwashing, breast beating and nationwide chaos were intended, Mao said, to clear the way for new advances along the revolutionary path. In some cases, the results were positive. The economy leaped, the party closed its ranks. But the human cost was huge. Instead of creating an ideal Maoist man, capable of working in the fields and the factories as well as shouldering a gun and understanding Marxist philosophy, they repeated assaults on the human ego encouraged slavish conformity, surliness and resentment.

As the years passed and the purges continued, the ideologically minded men and women who had survived the long Chinese march with Mao to a new order in China fell one by one in the more dangerous days of peace. One of the first to go was Kao Kang, boss of Manchuria, reported to have died by his own hand in 1955. Four years later, Mao's old crony, Peng Teh-huai, the Minister of Defence, resisted the demands of the "great leap forward" on the army. He lost all his posts and became a non-person.

After this, Mao himself went into eclipse, supplanted in fact, if not in name, by the party pragmatists led by Liu Shao-chi, who succeeded Mao in the Presidency.

Mao fought back in 1965, putting the match to the powder keg of the cultural revolution, a purge greater, more far-reaching and divisive than

any other. When it was over Liu had been dismissed and pilloried, a thousand old Mao companions relegated to the ash heap of Maoist history.

Those who emerged unscathed were regarded as the very marrow of loyalty: Lin Biao, the Defence Minister and heir designate, Chen Po-ta, Mao's old secretary, and a dozen others, including Chiang Ching Mao's wife, and the durable Chou En-lai.

But by October 1, 1971, Chen and Lin Biao had disappeared. Later Mao and Chou privately acknowledged what nearly everyone else had guessed: Even the oldest and closest friends can become enemies. Who impelled the mousey, self-effacing Lin to become Mao's foe has yet to be clearly explained. Caesar's weakness — ambition — was the official version. Whatever the cause, he fell for it with death.

Now, going into his 80th year Mao presides over a board riddled by vacancies. Only he and Chou survive from the all-powerful five man Standing Committee of the Politburo. Kang Sheng, the 47th member, is ill, old and incapacitated. The 25-member Politburo itself has been cut in half by defections and purges linked to the plot Lin Biao is said to have directed against his longtime ally.

As in the days of the culture revolution, when all China was in flux, a very small group now runs China. It includes Chou, aging ex-Marshal Yi Chien-ying, Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien, Madame Premier Li Wen-yuan and a handful of others.

Age has brought a kind of peace to Mao after his long years of frantic opposition to this idea and that individual, to nations like the "imperialist" U.S. and "militaristic" Japan. In the last 12 months, the old man, who once said it is more important to hate than to love, has smiled and grasped the hands of his old American and Japanese enemies. He lives in a euphoric period of tempered sweetness and light, which he helped form.

But one satisfaction remains: There has been no compromise with the Russians.

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W. Berliners flood East at Christmas

BERLIN (UPI). — Tens of thousands of West Berliners and West Germans spent Christmas in the East yesterday in an expression of improved East-West relations. They not only went through the all to East Berlin but travelled to the cities of Potsdam, Weimar, Magdeburg, Rostock and other East German cities and towns once closed to them.

West Berlin police made no estimate. But they estimated at least 9,000 would visit the East by January 2.

The eastward traffic began on Sunday and as it was spread over many days there were no backlogs at border checkpoints. Police said travellers went east in a steady stream by train, subway, elevated way, in cars and foot.

Most West Berliners went by way and elevated railway through the Friedrichstrasse station. Travellers passed the station in the morning and were greeted by border guards and travellers were a festive mood and the guards led and wished the Westerners a "Merry Christmas."

The travellers carried bouquets of flowers, toys and presents for their relations with whom they are spending the first Christmas since 1965.

"I have blue jeans for my teenage

granddaughter," said Mrs. Margarete Graff, a West Berlin housewife. "My daughter said that was like a dream present."

Others carried chocolate, coffee, citrus fruits, nylon shirts, party hose and other things rare or expensive in East Germany.

Families split by the Wall were able to spend Christmas together for the first time since 1965 because of the Big Four agreement designed to lessen tension.

The agreement gives West Berliners the right to visit the East a total of 30 days a year. Since the Big Four foreign ministers signed the agreement on June 3, the East German government has issued 1,500,000 passes to West Berliners. The Christmas traffic was expected to increase the total to about two million.

Only sounds in Belfast are bells

BELFAST (UPI). — A gunman fired a single shot at a militiaman's wife collecting her wash from the line in Strabane early yesterday, but missed, the army said.

It was the only incident reported throughout Northern Ireland on Christmas Day.

Police described the day as one of the quietest since the sectarian violence between Roman Catholics and Protestants broke out more than three years ago.

"The only unusual noise we have heard today has been the ringing of church bells calling people to Christmas services," one Belfast officer said.

Gunmen on both sides of the religious fence observed a three-day truce called by the Irish Republican Army which ends at midnight tonight.

Since the start of the cease-fire, police registers have listed the explosion of two blast bombs and three shooting attacks, but nobody has been killed, nobody wounded and no property damaged.

Police said yesterday's attack was made against the wife of a part-time militiaman as she collected dried clothing from the line in her garden at Strabane, a border town about 80 kms. west of Belfast.

Woman strangles her children with diaper

WELAND, Ohio (AP). — Police Sunday arrested a young Cleveland mother who said she strangled her two children open their throats presents, then strangled them with a diaper.

She said the woman, Nan Mudd, 24, telephoned them and said, "I would like to report a homicide. I just killed my kids."

She found the two children, 4th-old Betty and her half-sister Holly Johnson, 2, in the bed of the family's three-room apartment.

She said the children's opened throats were lying around a Christmas tree in the living-room when they arrived.

She said the woman told them had been domestic and had having domestic difficulties. She separated from her husband.



Pope Paul VI, wearing a minor's safety helmet, holds a Madonna with child made of fragments of stone, which was presented to him by miners who attended the midnight Christmas mass at a railway construction site 50 kms. outside Rome. (AP radiophoto)

Pope celebrates mass in tunnel and basilica

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI returned from a simple Christmas celebration among tunnel builders yesterday to celebrate mass under the soaring dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

The Pontiff said his Christmas thoughts are with those peoples and lands where "there is still war, hunger, suffering and distress — wherever the coming of justice and peace is still awaited."

He did not specifically mention Vietnam in his speech, following repeated references to the situation there in recent weeks. But he gave Christmas greetings in Vietnamese, and the tens of thousands of persons in St. Peter's Square applauded warmly.

The Pope went to the tunnel project at Sant'Oreste, some 80 kilometres north of Rome, to celebrate midnight mass with construction workers.

The 75-year-old pontiff put on a white hard hat and descended nearly three kilometres along a tunnel that was one day sped trains at 250 kph between Rome and Florence.

He was greeted by the tunnel foreman, a Sicilian named Antonio Gassira, who made a blunt, emotional speech.

"We don't know how to pray well," Gassira said. "We remember God only in difficult circumstances and in moments of sadness. But tonight we are able to ask the Christ child to protect and give long life to our common father, the Pope, who on this memorable night has come among us."

Group therapy, prayers, kept alive through 70 days in Andes

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP). — Food was scarce and the cold was unbearable. But 16 young men who lived through a plane crash in the Andes found even greater problems of survival in the terrible mountain silence, the endless boredom and the periods of depression which overcame everyone.

They met these problems with teamwork, according to their own accounts published here on Sunday. Two of the survivors, Daniel Fernandez, 21, and Roberto Francos, 20, both agronomy students, flew home on Sunday. The rest refuse to fly again and will make the Santiago-Montevideo trek by train and car.

The survivors are members of Uruguay's Old Christian rugby team and teamwork was a natural outgrowth of their rugby games. Most went to the same private high school, Stella Maris, and had been friends for years. Most are college students from well-to-do Uruguayan homes and they felt their college training contributed to their survival for 70 days in the wreckage of a plane high in the Andes.

The ordeal began on October 13, when an Uruguayan Air Force plane taking the Old Christian team to Chile for rugby matches hit a mountain peak and crashed. Twenty-nine died by the end of October, eight of them in an avalanche on October 29.

Although search planes flew over several times, the wreckage and the survivors were never spotted. Roberto Canessa, 20, a medical school student, and Fernando Parrado, 23, finally walked down the mountain and got help.



Two of the plane crash survivors, Roberto Canessa (left) and Fernando Parrado, are brought down the mountainside on horseback by a Chilean police patrol after over two months spent in the Andes snow. (AP radiophoto)

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The rugby players had stocked up on chocolates, sweets and bottled preserves purchased in Mendoza, Argentina, where the plane stopped before the final leg of the flight to Santiago.

"We had available at the beginning a big supply of food," Inciarte said, "and we also recovered our suitcases from which we took warm clothing."

A heavy snowstorm during one period of several days covered the plane's windows and left the survivors in darkness inside. Despite the effort involved, a party went outside each morning to remove the snow.

"We knew that light was necessary physically to use up fewer calories," Canessa said, "and it was absolutely necessary to maintain our spirits as a last reserve."

Joint security system for Southeast Asia mooted

NEW YORK (AP). — A prominent Japanese statesman believes Japan should seriously consider the possibility of creating a collective security system in Southeast Asia involving the U.S., China, Japan and the Soviet Union.

In an interview in this week's "Newweek," Kijichi Miyazawa said it may be premature now, but ultimately "we ought to be able to create such an area in Southeast Asia."

An influential member of the ruling Liberal-Democratic party, Miyazawa is a former Minister of International Trade and Industry.

"It is basically a Russian idea, but I don't feel anyone can oppose it except that Peking may have its own thoughts," says Miyazawa, adding that this is perhaps why Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira are "cautious" not to commit Japan to it.

The Japan-U.S. security treaty could be merged into such a system, he said. "After all, if there can be a rapprochement between the Warsaw pact and Nato, why not in Asia?"

As to the U.S.-Japan security treaty remaining necessary now

U.S. fears E.E.C. discrimination

By DAVID HAWORTH BRUSSELS. — U.S. diplomats are asking it clear that the Nixon administration intends to move gradually in the coming months to a new trade policy, wherever has the forewarning, but more strongly than here, common market capital.

There is no indication that the EEC is prepared to drop the reverse preference system, nor, so far, has there been any hint that the EEC will grant the U.S. protection, in another way by reducing trade barriers affecting items of interest to the U.S. so that gain in one area would off-set loss in the other.

The newly installed U.S. Ambassador to the EEC, Joseph Greenwald, has made no secret of his intention to tackle this problem head on. "Reverse preferences," he says, "don't make any sense economically, politically or in any other way."

And he adds that the Common Market must avoid the appearance of building a large block of privileged arrangements.

A few days ago there came a rejoinder by Dr. Raff Dahrendorf, the EEC Commissioner responsible for external relations. He said he failed to understand the intensity of U.S. feeling about the EEC developing a comprehensive Mediterranean policy.

There ought to be a political dimension of labour between the U.S. and Common Market in the area. In his view there should be more "subtlety" in international relations a comment which angered the Americans present.

Although both sides agree that the irritation each is dealing out to the other is bad for the Atlantic relationship, neither seems to have the power or inclination to stop it.

Mr. McGeorge Bundy, formerly a Kennedy adviser and now Ford Foundation president, told a conference in Brussels what he felt about the Common Market, in a way that further puzzled his European audience. "My dominant conviction about the European Community is that it is an institution which I choose to admire... I do not understand it, but I deeply believe in it."

EEC Foreign Ministers and the European Commission see their efforts to establish a Mediterranean policy as a bridge which will strengthen relations with Africa and through trading arrangements, help to bring some prosperity and stability to notoriously volatile parts of the world.

The Community argues that it is faced with a slowly deteriorating situation in the Mediterranean, that in the past its policy has been to "minimize harm rather than maximize welfare." Common Market countries have negotiated special trade pacts with nearly all Mediterranean nations. Few of these agreements were negotiated explicitly with free trade in view, but this is now the EEC's declared ambition.

However, Washington does not see how there can be genuine free trade between an economy like Egypt's and any of the highly industrialized countries in the EEC. What masquerades as free trade is really — according to the State Department — backdoor, discriminatory trading which could harm America's commercial relations with Mediterranean countries.

Sleeping child stolen with car

AMSTERDAM (Reuter). — Dutch police were searching yesterday for a man who stole a car with a three-year-old boy asleep on the rear seat.

They assume the man had not noticed the child, Wil Van Merkestijn, in the back.

Police said that Sunday night the boy's father left his car standing with the engine ticking over and the lights on while he went to fetch his wife, who works in a bar. Wil was asleep on the back seat.

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Israel ministers committee to study tariff freeze

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Cabinet on Sunday commissioned the Committee of Ministers on the Common Market to examine the Market's proposal that Israel should sign a protocol providing for a "freeze" on tariffs in 1973 and negotiations for a new agreement to come into force in 1974. Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported on the Market's proposal and said it met Israel's needs in principle. Mr. Eban is a member of the Committee, along with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev and the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Barak.

The Committee is expected to approve the protocol and instruct Israel's ambassador to the Market to sign it forthwith.

The protocol will provide that the tariffs at present in force between Israel and the three members-elect of the Market — Britain, Eire and Denmark — will remain in force through 1973 while negotiations proceed for a new tariff treaty within the overall reduced tariff framework which the Market is planning to establish with the countries of the Mediterranean littoral.

Finance Minister Sapir remarked that the eventual agreement with the Market would necessitate radical changes in Israel's economy, including the planned introduction of Value Added Tax. He did not, however, specify when he planned to impose this tax.

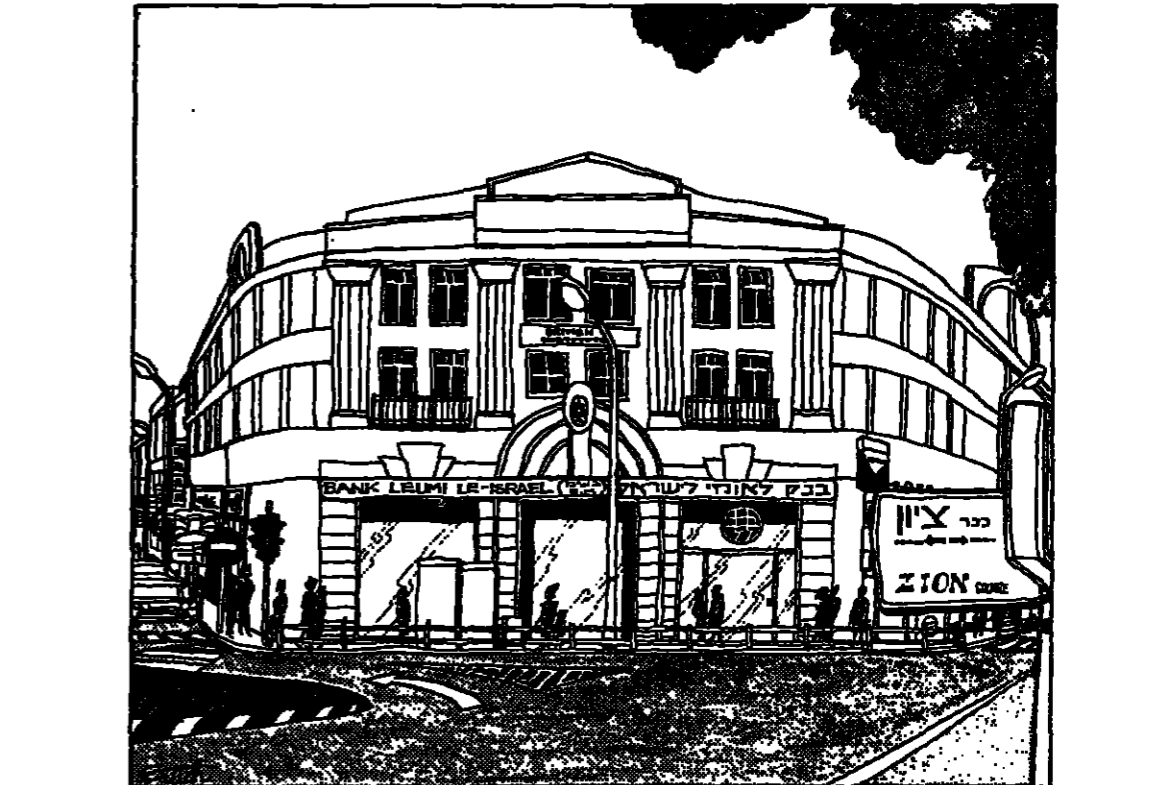
Mr. Eban also reported on the signing of an agreement with the World Bank for a loan for sewerage development projects. The World Bank officials had remarked, said Mr. Eban, that Israel was a model from which other developing countries could learn as to effective and efficient use of international funding. The sewerage loan was the eighth Israel has received from the World Bank; the others were for Ashdod Port, the Dead Sea Works, agriculture projects, industrial development (2) and roads (2).

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Capital gets a Strad

By N. D. GROSS

Do you present to the country that has everything? Mayor Kollek's answer: his Stradivarius and, as revealed yesterday, he presented the instrument, made in 1715, to the City of Jerusalem at the concert given on Sunday in aid of the Soldiers Welfare Association.

Szeryng came especially from Mexico, whose official ambassador he is, for the purpose and he like the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor Shalom Ronli-Riklis, do their services to the Association.

Although the performers were on behalf of his city by Mayor Kollek, it was in a way his gift to the Binyanei Hama'ala, with the Prime Minister, Golda Meir, who gave her patronage to the event, being officiated by the Mexican Ambassador, Mrs. Rosario Castellanos, and by Mrs. Dolores Carrillo, the special envoy sent by the Mexican Government to the concert.

Presenting the instrument, Szeryng said: "Desiring to pay special homage to the State of Israel on its 25th anniversary, I herewith present on my own behalf and on behalf of my country, Mexico, the Stradivarius violin to the City of Jerusalem.

Israel has many things — among them the Bible — and the words; scholars and defenders of the homeland; eminent experts in all fields of human knowledge. But you in Israel who have so many great violinists to the world have so far not had a Stradivarius! This will be the gift of Strad in this land, the land which thanks to the wonderful work of my parents bestowed on me I love so deeply.

Remembering their memory and that of those who sacrificed themselves so that the Jewish people could have a better life, I wish to give to the City of David this



Mayor Kollek and Henryk Szeryng show Jerusalem's new Stradivarius to the audience. (Wetzel)

instrument which from now on will bear the name "the Kinor David Stradivarius." It is to be kept in trust by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and to be made available for performances by outstanding Israeli violinists. (Here Mr. Szeryng digressed from his prepared text to introduce to the audience "one who will surely be such a one," 14-year-old Shlomo Mintz, one of his favourite pupils.)

"I come to you tonight as cultural representative of Mexico, bringing that country's love; I also come as a faithful descendant of Abraham, as an old friend of the I.P.O. and of the Israel

Soldiers Welfare Association and last, but not least, as a violinist. "May this violin be a bridge of true friendship and affection between Mexico and Israel."

Mayor Kollek, accepting the gift, reciprocated by presenting Mr. Szeryng with a specially cast silver medallion.

Mr. Ya'acov Peri, chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Association, presented scrolls of appreciation to Mr. Szeryng and to the I.P.O.

The violin itself was handed to the Orchestra leader, Uri Planka, who used it as the Orchestra and Mr. Szeryng played the Beethoven Violin Concerto.

The concert is reviewed below.

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Featuring Concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Shalom Ronli-Riklis, conductor; Henryk Szeryng, violin; Uri Planka, viola (Suzanna Ha'ozma, Jerusalem, December 24); Beethoven, Concerto for Two Violins in D minor; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto, opus 64, in E minor; Beethoven: Violin Concerto in D Major. For the benefit of the Israel Soldiers Welfare Committee.

THIS was a benefit concert, with everyone contributing time, energy and good will to a good cause, intensified by a sentimental atmosphere, with Mr. Szeryng handing over a Stradivarius violin as a gift to Jerusalem. It is difficult to assess such an event purely professionally. Unfortunately, just on occasions like this one, people who could do better permit themselves all sorts of sins against music and the public.

The works chosen were all very good in themselves, but the execution left so much to be desired that it must be asked if it was lack of time that caused the lack of preparation. Or was it the attitude that this music does not need to be rehearsed. A hard-working conductor like Ronli-Riklis apparently re-

THE OLD MAN AND THE BUSES

By L.I. RABINOWITZ

THE date: Wednesday, December 13th. The time 5 p.m., when workers are returning home from their daily toil.

The place, a No. 7 Egged bus, registration number 866-438. The bus stops at the bus stop near the Yeshurun Synagogue.

An elderly, wizened man, down at heel and poorly dressed, enters by the exit door carrying a plank of wood about one and a half metres long and 40 centimetres wide and stands it up against the chrome pole near the door.

Sternly the driver orders him to get off; he cannot agree to this luggage. The man pleads with him, "Please, it is not an obstruction. It does not interfere with anyone and I must take it home. There is no other way." The driver is adamant and re-

fuses to continue his journey unless the man gets off with his impedimenta. One of the passengers gets up, takes the plank and places it sideways on the floor so that it is flush with his seat, and he steps over it to resume his seat, saying to the driver "Now you can continue. It is in no one's way."

The driver switches off his engine, folds his arms, and declares that he will not proceed unless the man gets off the bus. I go over to him to plead with him not to be obstinate. He does not even deign to reply and maintains the same stony silence in response to the pleas of the other passengers. Wearily the offending passenger is about to comply but nearly all the passengers urge him not to give in to this unreasonable demand.

There is deadlock — in its literal sense — the driver has locked the engine. So we remain

until a second No. 7 bus arrives, and a number of passengers descend and enter the second bus, I among them. Its number is 867-389.

Incidentally, in that bus, in approximately the same place as the plank was in the first one, lay some six live chickens tied by the feet, the property of an Arab passenger. Apparently they did not constitute an obstruction in the eyes of the driver. Some of the passengers pay; others refuse on the grounds that both buses belong to Egged and they had already paid their fare. If one bus refused to proceed they were entitled to transport on another bus for the same ticket.

The driver switched off his engine and in his turn refused to budge until all the passengers had paid. And so two No. 7 buses stood there immobile, the one for over 10 minutes, the other for over five. No cajoling, no pleading

that they had to get home, no threats were of any avail.

Then a third No. 7 bus pulled up and we were witnesses to the unusual sight of three No. 7 buses which usually arrive every ten minutes or so.

Suddenly the deadlock was resolved. The poor old man descended from bus 1 with his plank and took it with him onto bus 3 which drove off without delay. (Why he decided finally to get off, and why he chose bus 3 and not bus 2, I do not know.) The driver of bus 1, having gained his point, also immediately drove off.

And bus 2? The driver graciously commented that one of the women passengers who stated that she was in a hurry to get home, pay, against their protests, for the six or seven recalcitrant passengers and, switching on his engine, drove off. That's his service for you. Pro Bono Publico.

FREAKY FINISHES IN FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

THE Pittsburgh Steelers, to whom losing has been a way of life for most of their 40-year history, and the defending world champions, the Dallas Cowboys, who won the Super Bowl in only their 12th season, captured first-round playoff games on Saturday with as freaky and frantic a pair of finishes as the National Football League has ever seen.

Some 50,000 delirious fans in Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium barely had time to recover from the battered fourth-down pass which Franco Harris, the Steelers' super rookie, grabbed on the rebound and turned into a 60-yard scoring play with five seconds left for a 13-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders, when the Cowboys staged their own wild finish to nip the 49ers 30-28 and disappoint a throng of 61,214 in San Francisco's Candlestick Park. Roger Staubach, last year's Super Bowl hero, came off the bench as the Cowboys wiped out a 15-point deficit and threw for two touchdowns in the final two minutes, the latter a 10-yarder to Ron Sellers with 52 seconds remaining on the third play after Mel Reutter recovered an onside kickoff at midfield.

Defence, rather than last-minute heroics, told the story on Sunday

SPORTS ABROAD

by JOHN WOSNER

as the Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins stayed alive on the road to the Super Bowl.

True, there was one late rally as the unbeaten Dolphins needed Jim Kiick's eight-yard touchdown run to defeat the stubborn Cleveland Browns 20-14 in Miami. But it was a defence which intercepted five of Mike Phipps' passes — including one by Doug Swift after the Browns had reached the Miami 35 with 1:15 left — which stymied Cleveland time after time. Earlier, the Redskins veteran defence stifled the young Green Bay Packers while Billy Kilmer threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Roy Jefferson, and Curt Knight kicked three field goals for a 16-3 triumph before a record Washington crowd of 68,140.

Next Sunday's pairings send the Dolphins against the Steelers in Pittsburgh in the American Conference Final and the "wild card" Dallas Cowboys against the "Sins

in Washington for National Conference honour. The two survivors meet in Super Bowl VII on January 14 at Los Angeles.

CRICKET

ENGLAND won the First Test against India by six wickets, seven minutes after lunch at New Delhi yesterday. It was the first ever victory for England at the Feroz Shah Kotla Grounds. The other three matches played there were drawn.

England Captain Tony Lewis and Tony Greig kept their bats with 70 and 40 runs respectively. It was the First Test that Lewis had captained.

England resumed shakily yesterday with 106 for three and lost their fourth wicket in the very first over for the addition of a single run. But the fifth wicket partnership changed the whole complexion of the play and at lunch the score soared to 185 for four.

Skipper Tony Lewis played a Captain's innings in company with Tony Greig, in a 5th wicket partnership that was worth 88 runs.

Lewis got his 50 runs in 141 minutes, including seven boundaries. Final scores: India 178 and 233; England 200 and 207 for 4.

Tap-dance workshop in Jerusalem

AMERICAN dancer-lecturer Anne Wilson, who is to visit Israel next month, will hold a tap-dance "workshop" at the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem on January 22 at 10 a.m. Her new lecture-demonstrations include the history of tap-dance and jazz and she will give programmes at the Haifa Technical School on January 18 and at the new Tel Aviv Museum (for teachers and pupils) on February 7.

In New York, Anne Wilson's latest assignment is as "Dance Consultant" for a new Broadway musical. She will advise on style, steps and on turn-of-the-country ballroom dancing.

MARGALIT Oved, the Israeli dancer who now lives in California but is still a member of the Inbal Dance Theatre, has been giv-

ing recitals in the U.S. Her interpretations of Biblical and folklore subjects have been called "meticulous magic."

Another Israeli soloist who has been giving highly praised performances in the U.S. is Ze'eva Cohen, who appeared in Israel earlier this year during the Rubin Academy Summer School in Jerusalem. Her latest appearances were in New York City.

Melissa Hayden, the star ballerina of the New York City Ballet (Bainbridge's company) would like to come and dance in Israel. She now has her own company of ten, besides her part in the New York City Ballet. "She hopes to be invited here," said Lia Schubert on her return from her recent New York visit.

TWO films of Bat-Dor ballets have reached Continental television screens. One of them, made by the Bat-Dor Dance Company, has been sold in Austria and Denmark. It contains several ballet excerpts from the Bat-Dor repertoire. The other film was made by Israel television — Michel Descombes' "The Wait" — and has been bought by Norway television.

NAOMI Stenman, formerly of the Bat-Dor company, has been elected Organising Secretary of the Israel Branch of the Royal Academy of Dancing (London). She replaces Yvonne Narunsky, who helped to found the branch. Valentina Arkipova Grossman of Haifa remains in the chair.

Nixon's daughters at Athens dinner

ATHENS (AP).—President Nixon's two daughters were guests at a Christmas dinner yesterday being held by U.S. ambassador Henry Tasca.

The President's eldest daughter, Tricia, and her husband, Edward Cox, arrived here on Sunday for the holidays. They joined Nixon's younger daughter, Julie, who is here with her husband, Lt. David Eisenhower, who is assigned to a U.S. navy 6th fleet ship.

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German actor Helmut Berger, at the head of a very competent international cast, is compelling as Dorian, whose exceptional good looks result in his being almost worshipped by men and women alike. His early idyllic love for the actress Sissy Vane (Marie Liljedahl) contrasts starkly with the corrupting influence of the wealthy and utterly cynical Henry Wotton (Herbert Lom), in his element in this part, who is the mouthpiece for some of Wilde's most bitter epigrams of humanity. The clash between good and evil is well brought out as Dorian gives himself up to a life of depravity.

The film, directed by Massimo Dallamano, contains much hand some colour photography — some London street scenes are particularly eye-catching — while the wardrobe and sets are equally elegant. Though a certain amount of kitsch is included, all told this is a successful and commendable effort to bring Wilde up to date. **J.J.**

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Khrushchev with Mao before the split.

Break with China

COW (UPI). — Following his cal successes in 1956 and 1957 put him in full control, a Khrushchev was riding high e Kremlin. It was in this cir- stance that he gave me a long- t exclusive interview.

perhaps America's most ardent public anti-Communist, "wants peace," according to Khrushchev, who then proceeded to warn the Chinese against trying to test the American "paper tiger."



Zhukov — a 1942 photograph of the "defender of Moscow" — of whom Khrushchev said: "He's not even a quarter of Stalin."

He had Khrushchev retired in 1959 as fast as it had risen although on the 70th birthday no one could have predicted his ignominious ouster a few months later. His frequent absences and numerous and lengthy journeys abroad, which were first hailed as a welcome method of re-establishing personal contact with the West, degenerated into family outings. A popular joke of the late Khrushchev era said: "All Moscow movie houses are showing a documentary film, Khrushchev's two-weeks' sojourn in the Soviet Union."

Communist strategy and tactics. According to knowledgeable sources Mao's views were abhorrent to Stalin for two reasons: a Mao, leader of a country with a massive peasantry and no industrial working class, believed in organizing revolution everywhere, with reliance on the peasantry. Stalin considered this anti-Marxist heresy since, according to Karl Marx, the industrial proletariat alone can overthrow capitalism.

Khrushchev first took over leadership, there were plenty of eyebrows among my Soviet tances. Only gradually did quire a grudging respect especially after his policies Stalinitization, liberalization lerts to mend fences with it.

He talked too much. Khrushchev in the popular mind was also blamed for: The Cuban rocket crisis which precipitated an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation with the U.S.

THE morning of October 14, 1964, I an old intellectual friend came to see me. He told me he had heard Khrushchev had been ousted. I could not believe it and it took the better part of the day to get sufficient reliable evidence to support the momentous news.

One of Khrushchev's defects not characteristic of the current leadership was boastfulness. "Your children will be Communists," he told Americans. "In 10 years we shall have the world's highest living standard. We shall bury you!" (meaning we shall outlive you). These were some of the late leader's favorite expressions of braggadocio.

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The present leadership — "more realistic plans." (Camera Press)

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Koor to double output by 1977 to IL3,000 m.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Koor Industries expects to double production to 3,000m. by 1977, Mr. Meir Amit, Koor's Director-General said yesterday.

He was outlining the giant Isadrut concern's five-year plan. Additional details were given by Dr. David Golomb, head of the planning and development division.

Although 1972 had still a week to go, Mr. Amit noted, cautious estimates put production at IL1,450m. — only three per cent short of 1972 target. Mr. Amit was confident that the 1973 target of 1,850m. would be reached, a 25 per cent growth.

The increase in production would be evenly distributed, he said, concentrated in four main fields: electronics, chemicals, metal work, telecommunications. On the other

hand, he said, Koor was going ahead with its plans to "cut losses" in non-profitable plants.

He noted that Ramle Motors had been closed down, departments in other plants would be eliminated, and in general, the projective "hot-house" would be removed.

Exports would play an ever-increasing role. Koor exported \$54m. worth of goods in 1972. This figure would rise to \$88m. in 1973. (The annual increase of other industrial firms in Israel would average only about 12 to 14 per cent in 1973.) The target for 1977 is \$170m.

Mr. Amit stressed, however, that if exports continue to rise, the premium paid by the Government would have to be raised by about ten per cent. Competition abroad was fierce, and Koor had not only to face being outpriced by well-established industrial countries, but also by some foreign companies who were "dump-

ing" their goods to keep out competitors.

Koor could not compensate by raising prices on the local market. Despite the lifting of price controls, some 85 per cent of its products still fell into three areas which would still be controlled: monopolies, vital commodities or popular goods.

Profits had dropped from 5.4 per cent (before tax) to four per cent in 1971. The 1972 figure, as well as the 1973, would remain at four per cent, but by 1977, according to plans, the figure would crawl up to 6.5 per cent. Profit-sharing with the workers continued, and IL4m. was divided up among 8,000 workers in 1972.

The labour force, which now stood at 18,400 (including 500 newcomers from the U.S.S.R. and 535 Arab workers from the administered areas) would grow to 26,000 in 1977, he predicted. Increasing Koor's own capital pre-



A new airport control board at Lod Airport has direct radio and other communications links with rescue services, the police, customs and all the airline companies, as well as closed circuit television surveillance of the airport. (Israel Sun)

Tsorchaniyot plan big expansion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut-sponsored Consumers Co-op Movement (Tsorchaniyot) plan to invest IL100m. on expanding its services in the next five years. General Manager Yisrael Shpan said yesterday. The plans include the construction of 36 new supermarkets in addition to the 200 already operating. A number of new department stores (Hamashbir Hamerkazi) will also be opened. It cost \$15.

However, Mr. Shpan warned the national convention at Beit Sokolov that the organization will have to get help from Histadrut and Government sources to finance the project.

The convention resolved "to put the resources of the co-op movement at the disposal of the Government to curb rising prices." To cut its own costs, the movement decided that the numerous consumers societies be merged into three regional organizations — one for Jerusalem, one for the north, and one for the central and southern regions.

TEL AVIV STOCKS Stocks slip

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange slipped further downward yesterday. The General Index of Share Prices fell by 0.38 per cent to stand at 304.8. Turnover was also somewhat lower at IL4m. (variables IL2.3m.), but trading remained active.

Cial Investment Co. announced that the company will purchase Central Trade Co. shares from some principal stockholders of this company. Cial will offer one share of its own company for one Central Trade share. In a second phase, Cial will also make a purchase offer to Class B shareholders of Central Trade. After the announcement, trading in Cial Investment and Central Trade was halted in the variables. Yesterday Cial Investment opened unchanged at 243 and Central Trade climbed 5 to 305. Other associated shares did not change much: Cial Ind. left the market at 237 1/2, up 1 1/2, and Azorim was unchanged at 243.

Insurance Fund for natural risks criticized

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Irregularities in the administration of the Insurance Fund against natural risks, which insures crops, are criticized in a State Comptroller's report published yesterday.

The report notes that the relationship between the company and the government has not been formally put in writing. This despite the fact that the Government's financial participation in the company's activities has been growing all the time, reaching the sum of nearly IL12m. in 1971/72.

The Finance Ministry has also committed itself to responsibility for deficits that the company will not be able to cover. For this reason a formal agreement must be signed between both sides, says the Comptroller.

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The insurance year 1971/72 there were 18 branch funds. Farmers cannot insure their crops individually, they must do it through their production and marketing boards.

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Appointments in Lands Administration

The following personnel changes have been announced in the State Lands Administration:

Dr. Moshe Barzai has taken up his duties as official in charge of economic and budgetary planning. Ahit-Mishal (res. Yehozk' Warshaw) on loan from the Israel Defence Forces, was appointed director of the Jerusalem District. He replaces Shimon Shohet, who will take charge of the newly created Southern District.

David Rosenfeld was appointed director of the Northern District, succeeding Binjamin Labekin, who returns to his former post as director of registry of rural areas.

An administration spokesman explained that the changes are part of the current reorganization programme.

Problems tackled on closed-circuit TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents of Tel Aviv, developments in the Telport quarter of Jerusalem were able last night to watch a closed-circuit television discussion of their neighbourhood problems. The neighbourhood committee thrashed things out with Deputy Mayor Alkiva Azulai.

The Municipal spokesman said the showing was made possible by a private company interested in demonstrating the advantages of cable television to provide special programmes to subscribers.

The discussion followed the completion of a neighbourhood improvement programme by the Municipality.

RIGHTS OF TENANT WHO ABANDONS PREMISES

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the District Court, delivered on February 8, 1971 (in C.A. 659/68).

The respondent rented a shop for key money from the appellant. He intended using the shop as a kiosk but at first opened it only for two months each summer and then from 1963 to 1968 kept it closed.

In 1966 the landlord-appellant stopped accepting rent for the shop and later brought a suit for eviction against the respondent on the grounds that he had abandoned the premises. After the suit had been filed the respondent left his employment which had prevented him from operating his kiosk, and devoted himself solely to this latter occupation.

The Magistrate's Court found that the respondent had in fact abandoned the premises, as the shop had not been used for five years. It dismissed the respondent's request to be granted a remedy in justice on the grounds that, although the circumstances warranted a remedy on the provisions of section 37(a) of the Tenants Protection Law, 1955, do not apply to tenants who had abandoned their rented premises. This section provides that "Notwithstanding the existence of a ground for eviction, the Court may refuse to give a judgment for eviction if it is satisfied that in the circumstances of the case it would not be just to do so."

The District Court, on appeal, decided that the respondent was entitled to a remedy in justice as section 37(a) was applicable to his case and held that no eviction order should be given against the respondent on condition that he paid the appellant IL500 costs.

In the appeal against this decision to the Supreme Court, Mr. M. Ben Dror and Mr. H. Sharon appeared for the appellant and Mr. M. Kassis and Mr. A. Doron for the respondent.

Justice Kahan, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, Justice Berenson and Cohn concurring, first considered the question of whether the respondent had in fact abandoned the premises. In answering this question in the affirmative he held that as a remedy in justice was granted in the period during which the respondent had not used the premises had been so long and as the Magistrate's Court had not been satisfied that he intended using the premises for business purposes at any time in the near future that court had been entitled to conclude that the respondent had abandoned the premises (see also C.A. 434/65, 2 P.D. 20/317). Nor, he continued, did the fact that the respondent had continued paying the rent into the bank since the appellant had refused to accept it or the further fact that he had not been able to earn a livelihood from the kiosk, application of section 37 to such a tenant.

The next question to be considered, held Justice Kahan, is whether a remedy in justice, as defined in section 37(a) of the Tenants Protection Law, 1955, applies to an eviction order given on the grounds that the premises had been abandoned, or not. There were differences of opinion amongst the Supreme Court Justices on this question. He pointed out, Justice Berenson, with whom the President of the Supreme Court (Justice Agron) and Justice Landau concurring, having expressed the opinion in the past that it does (in C.A. 345/59, P.D. 14/455) whereas Justice Sussman had expressed a contrary opinion (in C.A. 404/61, P.D. 16/347). Although, he continued, the preponderance of opinion amongst the Supreme Court Justices was in favour of Justice Berenson's positive attitude to the question, nevertheless once it had arisen again in the present case it had been decided to consider it again before five Justices. He therefore felt bound, he continued, to re-examine the subject again and to express an opinion on it, despite the rule already established by a majority of the Supreme Court.

Justice Kahan then went on to throw in his lot with Justice Berenson's school of thought, holding that he saw no significance in the fact that the section providing for a remedy in justice comes right after the section in the law laying down the causes of action for eviction and this section makes no mention of abandonment of the premises as one of these causes. For he did not think that this juxtaposition meant that the legislature had intended the remedy in justice to be limited to only those causes of action for eviction expressly enumerated in section 36 of the Law.

Nor, continued Justice Kahan, could he agree that a tenant who had abandoned his premises was equivalent to a trespasser and therefore not entitled to a remedy in justice. For even an absentee tenant could be said to be in possession of his premises, as opposed to being in occupation thereof, and as long as a court has not given an order for restoration of possession to the landlord, the status of the tenant cannot be that of a trespasser (see C.A. 74/49, and others). Moreover, he continued, even if it were to be presumed that our law is similar to that in England and that an absentee tenant loses all protection of the law by virtue of the fact that he has abandoned his premises, this would still not preclude application of section 37 to such a tenant.

For by its very nature a remedy in justice cancels out an eviction order. In other words, a remedy in justice would have the effect of annulling the abandonment of the premises retroactively, and thus restoring the status of a statutory

protected tenant, to the absentee tenant, even if, prior to receiving the remedy in justice, he had in fact been a trespasser. (See by analogy 1970, 2 All E.R. 795 and 1957, Q.B. 350.) The remedy in justice, continued Justice Kahan, may be compared to a full pardon, which wipes out the offence, and in this respect there is no fundamental difference between one of the causes of action for eviction enumerated in section 36 and the abandonment of the premises, which is not mentioned there.

Justice Kahan then went on to consider the question of whether the circumstances of the present case were such as to warrant granting the respondent a remedy in justice. He came to the conclusion that there were not sufficiently weighty reasons against granting the remedy in justice to warrant overruling the District Court judges, particularly since no real damage had been caused the appellant and the kiosk was now the respondent's only means of livelihood. He did think, however, that the appellant ought to be compensated for having been forced to litigate with the respondent, and that this compensation should be to the amount of IL5,000. Failure to pay this compensation would entail enforcement of the eviction order.

Justice Witkon held that if he had wavered in the past between the two opposing schools of thought his doubts had been removed by Justice Kahan and he now subscribed wholeheartedly to the opinion that section 37(a) of the Tenants Protection Law applies equally to an eviction order given on the grounds of abandonment of the premises.

Justice Sussman noted that he had always been of the opinion that section 37 did not apply to an eviction order against an absentee landlord, but did not see any point in persisting in his opinion when the majority of his Supreme Court colleagues thought otherwise. He, therefore, concurred with Justice Kahan's judgment.

Judgment given on November 21, 1972.

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before The Deputy President (Justice Sussman) Justices Berenson, Witkon, Cohn and Kahan.
Moshe Katan, Appellant, v Avraham Arvill, Respondent (C.A. 300/71)

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SOME optimists think the non-Communist regime in Saigon may last three years after the American military withdrawal is completed. Others give it a chance for long-term survival, although the average analyst seems to think that two years is the probable life-span of the present regime, to be followed by a decisive slide into the control of the men from Hanoi.

If recovery from war is what Hanoi wants most, and if they have been touched by the same desires which are obvious in these days in the leadership in Russia and in Russia's Eastern European satellites, then their relations with Saigon may be influenced by the proposed aid programme.

The official White House theory is that if Hanoi honours the terms of the agreement Dr. Kissinger developed, then the Saigon regime can survive, and the Southern part of Vietnam will continue to be independent of and distinct from North Vietnam for a long time ahead. It is over the issue of safeguards for Saigon's independence that the talks broke down. To the Israeli it is a grim lesson in negotiations through powerful third parties.

All through the Communist world in Europe there is a new desire for the technical skills of the West, and the higher living standards they bring. The appeal of austerity and puritanism has long since faded. And their leaders are negotiating with the West for ways and means of providing the goods that are wanted. This aim is as important as a year off the détente as the fear of China.

In Vietnam, one of the key factors may still prove to be Hanoi's interest in the promised American technical and economic aid. Hanoi turned it down when President Johnson made the offer. But an American aid programme has now been revealed as part of the deal which Dr. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho worked out in their secret meetings.

Nobody knows whether this change has also penetrated to Hanoi by now, or whether North Vietnam will be willing to make do with whatever aid it can obtain from the Soviet Union or China. If Hanoi wants American aid and is willing to take it, America will have some political leverage. There will be no leverage if Hanoi prefers austerity and doctrinal purky. It is on this choice in Hanoi that Saigon's future in fact depends, whatever may be agreed now.

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Paris and Jerusalem

Al Hamlamar (Mapam) writes: "If Paris really wants to improve her relations with Jerusalem, she must prove that she has in fact abandoned her biased attitude, of attempting to cur favour with the Arab leaders at Israel's expense."

talks with Egypt on both a partial and an overall settlement. It is surprising, adds the paper, that Mr. Allon chose Washington as the place for voicing his private opinions.

Readers' letters

'Sensational journalism'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Up to now The Jerusalem Post has retained in the Adviv case from being submerged by the flood of sensational journalism which has eagerly taken up this tragic episode. But now, in its Magazine of December 15, The Post has paid its tribute to the common hysteria — in opposition to the correct attitude of Moshe Dayan who refrained from comment on a matter which will be sub judice.

versal section in our spy law which was afterwards changed, in line with the recommendation of our Supreme Court. It should be remembered that one Supreme Court Judge had acquitted Cohen despite the controversial wording of the law, whereas the two others vetoed against him on the basis of the law then in force, but recommending that it be changed.

This issue of the Magazine shows lack of good taste on the front page picture and — still worse — sensationalism in Mark Segal's contribution, "Anatomy of treason."

It does not serve the cause of honest journalism if such a case is mingled with cases of quite another quality.

As a historian of treason, he puts together cases of the Israeli past which cannot be compared, mingling proven traitors with the clear conscience of Aharon Cohen, who stumbled over a very contro-

HEINRICH STRAUSS
Jerusalem, December 15.
(None of the Judges considered Aharon Cohen "innocent" after it was proved that he met knowingly and secretly with a Soviet agent, but they did object to the wording of the law under which he was indicted. Ed. J.P.)

Bus route information

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — It has been reported that microphones are to be installed in buses to enable the driver to announce the streets along which the bus travels.

major streets through which the bus travels.

What is badly needed, particularly to guide new immigrants and tourists, is that side by side with the bus route number, there should be displayed on the front or side of each bus a short list of the

DAVID FREEMAN
Haifa, November 30.
Egged replies:
Although Mr. Freeman's suggestion is not new, it is constructive and interesting. We have passed it on to the competent department for study and eventual implementation in an appropriate form, and trust it will receive the preferential treatment it deserves.

BEGIN MAKES THINGS EASIER FOR LABOUR

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

IF Menachem Begin did not exist, the Labour Party would have had to invent him. Whenever the dominant party in government enters a bad patch, the leader of Herut always does something to make things easier for it. In 1968 there was an economic recession, with unemployment, and the Mapai-Rafi rift was shaking the Labour Movement. Theoretically, Gahal should have improved its fortunes. But Mr. Begin and his veteran followers were too deeply involved in expelling Shmuel Tamir and Eliezer Shostak and their supporters from Herut.



The Labour Party is now going through another difficult spell. With elections scarcely a year off, Gahal should be raring to go. But Mr. Begin is too busy exorcising the rebellious spirit of Ezer Weizman to concern himself with such things as an election campaign.

Even the usually sober Labour Party secretary-general, Aharon Yadlin, has allowed himself to quip: "Herut is incapable of even setting up a shadow cabinet, let alone a real one."

Mr. Begin has again proved that he stands with both feet planted firmly in the past. What matters is that he rules supreme in Herut, a big fish in a little pond. In a way he is following his mentor, Jabotinsky, who, unable to dominate the World Zionist Movement, moved out into the political wilderness, opening the way for the Labour Movement to achieve its hegemony.

From the moment that Menachem Begin emerged from the underground to take over the reins of the old Revisionist Party with his I.L.L. comrades, he has never tolerated men of independent mind and spirit. The list of such people forced out of Herut is too long to recount. But a few names come to mind: Hallel Kook, Dr. Arye Altman, Nahum Levin, and even Jabotinsky's son, Eri. Ya'acov Meridor, who used to be No. 2 to Mr. Begin for years, had to drop out of active politics and go into business in order to prove his mettle.

Image and for a vote-catching personality in Herut.

By resigning from the executive chairmanship as he did, Mr. Weizman has opened himself to the criticism that he has little political staying power and that he lacks the toughness and determination to cope with the more savage aspects of Israeli politics. He also talked too much, in extreme terms, with newsmen over the weekend, perhaps opening the door to any reconciliation. This allowed Begin to present a more convincing case for himself on his own weekend TV appearance.

Ezer Weizman brought with him to Herut not only his comparative youth and his ebullient charm, but also a glamorous military record and the head of Sabra personality with which the younger generation of voters could identify. He brought into Herut many of the young delegates who made Herut's convention so lively. They came with a sense of election, thinking they were going to get things moving, and during the convention it even appeared that Mr. Begin would allow these new forces to surface and convert Herut into a vital political party.

Mr. Begin's action will damage the future health of the Israeli political system. He has shown that outside the Labour Party, a young man has little chance to get ahead in politics. His behaviour will reduce the debate in which many of the young generation hold the present political parties.

The lesson of the latest developments in Herut is that Menachem Begin is the main obstacle to any change in Israel's political system. Due to his veto, the Liberals have now abandoned their commitment to electoral reform, which might have provided the basis for a viable political opposition, so essential to the proper working of a parliamentary democracy. He will not allow any new personality to rise to the top in his own party, and will prevent Herut from becoming a party with a mass appeal, for fear it might upset his total control.

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GIVING WOMEN THEIR DUE

With Prejudice by Alex Berlyne

THERE used to be an old Lancashire saying: "You've worked long enough for me, Mother, now you can go out and work for yourself." Till recently this had been the attitude of El Al to its hostesses who were thrown on the scrap-heap once they lost the first flush of youth or when they married. The stewards, of course, were not treated this way. However, the real, naked discrimination was in restricting promotion to pursers or other administrative posts to the men. Some of the girls fought a long, hard battle to put a stop to this nonsense and finally won victory in the courts last month.

There's a man's world and has been for a long, long time. The mediaeval Council of Macon decided by only a single vote that women had a soul, while its Protestant counterpart, the Wittenberg Conference, even tried to prove that women were not human beings. Catholic doctrine has always been particularly antagonistic to women's rights, even though it embraces the cult of the Virgin Mary. Two Papal Encyclicals, *Casati Costubi* and *Quadragesimo Anno* condemned women's employment outside the home. You have to hand it to the girls, though. In both Italy and France the rate of female employment is double that in Protestant America.

This sort of social purdah still prevails in most parts of the Western world, however, and it is mainly owing to demographic changes, not to Women's Lib, that it is slowly being eroded. In the last half-century or so the life-span of the average woman has been extended by more than 25 years. They marry younger and finish child-bearing earlier so that when the youngest child starts school the average woman is still has a life expectancy of 40 years. Their own grandmothers had a total life expectancy of 45 years.

the male sex than they actually were.

Woe betide the woman who is no longer young and attractive. Her position in our society is at best marginal, and spinsters or widows have a hard time of it. This male-centred view of society has even coloured the attitude of the girls themselves. In an interesting experiment, Evelyn Sullerot, the French sociologist, found that 18-year old boys asked to imagine their lives at 50 were prepared to do so, but the girls couldn't see beyond the few years devoted to romance, marriage and child-bearing and were unable to conceive of a long, useful life after they were no longer seductive. In a way, this is understandable. The image created by the advertising media makes no allowance for any other role and many women, once their youth is over, live out the rest of their lives in bitterness and resignation. How could they do otherwise in a world in which one half of human-kind discriminates against the other?

Now there has been a rare old fuss lately about Women's Lib, and its most vocal protagonists, Betty Friedan, Germaine Greer and the rest seem to me to have clouded the issue by emphasizing all sorts of peripheral matters — discarding bras or insisting on the abbreviation Ms. — instead of getting down to cases. "Publishers Weekly" promises us a new book in March — "Lesbian Nation" by Jill Johnston. According to her photograph in the ad, Ms. Johnston appears to be a well set-up young person with a rather infectious grin, but what she has to say isn't funny at all. "Feminism is at heart a massive complaint. Lesbianism is the solution. Until all women are Lesbians there will be no true political revolution."

Full stop

I'll say it's a solution — the solution to practically everything. In fact the human race would come to a full stop within a few short decades unless someone cheats a bit.

Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, the Tory M.P. for Gloucester, represents the other end of the Women's Lib spectrum. She has been quietly getting things done, including co-piloting through the Commons a Bill to end discrimination and leaving all the strident nonsense to the militants, who don't seem to be getting anything done apart from driving the bra manufacturers into bankruptcy. The El Al girls are cast in the same mould. More power to them.

Home role

Labour-saving devices and prepared foods have reduced their role in the home yet nothing much has been done to relieve the tedium of household chores and, above all, their isolation. These factors have resulted in an increasing number of women resuming their interrupted careers. Once back on the job they find that things are not so rosy. In general they do not receive equal pay for equal work and, in fact, the wage differential has been increasing. In the U.S. for example, women clerical workers averaged 72 per cent of the male wage in 1966 and only 66 per cent by 1969. In the factories it dropped from 62 per cent to 58 per cent, while salesgirls and shop-assistants who only received a meagre 45 per cent of the men's wage for the same work in 1956 had suffered a decrease to 40 per cent eight years later. President Kennedy was trying to do something about this discrimination

Natural gifts

They're enough to put up with as it is. Professor Mirra Komarovsky demonstrated in an article in the "American Journal of Sociology" that many girls recognize that to be well-endowed with brains may well offset other more prominent natural endowments. Some 40 per cent of the American girls she interviewed admitted to pleasing men by self-effacement and deliberately pretending to be less intelligent in their dealings with

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